

The Department of Health and Senior Services
Division of Family Health Services
Special Child, Adult and Early Intervention Services

Newborn Screening Program

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 8:19, Subchapter 2

Authorized by Clifton Lacy, MD, Commissioner of Health and Senior Services

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2-110 and 111

Purpose of Rulemaking: The Department is amending N.J.A.C. 8:19-2 to specify the disorders added to mandated screening; clarify more precisely the section of the rules that birth attendants, responsible physicians and home health agencies must follow in submitting specimens; change the kind of report that the laboratory issues from "not clinically significant" to "within acceptable limits" to more accurately describe the screening result and; change the requirement that hospitals submitting specimens by first class mail begin using a next day delivery method.

The Department invites the public to comment on the proposed amendments for Newborn Biochemical Screening, N.J.A.C. 8:19-2. The comment period is for **30 days** and comments must be made in writing. Written comments must be received no later than **June 3, 2004** at the following address:

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You may review the proposed amendments at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/nbs2000/index.html>.